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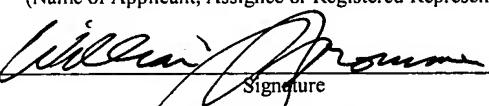
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Kiyokazu KOBAYASHI
Serial No. : 10/612,440
For : METHOD OF JOINING STEEL MEMBERS, METHOD OF
PROCESSING JOINED SURFACE OF STEEL MEMBER AND
REINFORCING MEMBER
Filed : July 2, 2003
Examiner : Lynne R. Edmondson
Art Unit : 1725

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William S. Frommer, Reg. No. 25,506
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Signature
February 24, 2005
Date of Signature

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2004, wherein restriction
was required as follows:

Group I claims 2, 3 and 9, directed to "a processing apparatus with feeder;"

Group II claims 4, 7, 8 and 11, directed to "a steel member;" and

Group III claims 12-16, directed to "a structural article."

Applicants elect, **without traverse**, Group II claims 4, 7, 8 and 11 for further prosecution in the present application.

Applicants reserve their right to file a divisional application to re-present nonelected claims 2, 3, 9 and 12-16.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, a two-month extension of the period for reply, i.e., up to and including March 21, 2004, is respectfully requested. A check in the amount of \$450.00 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment of such fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

An early examination on the merits of the elected claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.
 The fee has been calculated as shown below.
 This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	12	Minus	** =20	* 0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	11	Minus	*** =15	* 0 x	\$200 (100)	= \$ 0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

** If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

*** If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360(180) has been previously paid , or is paid herewith .

This response is being filed within the second month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a two month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$450.00 is attached, which covers the cost of additional claims petition for extension of time.

Charge \$____ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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